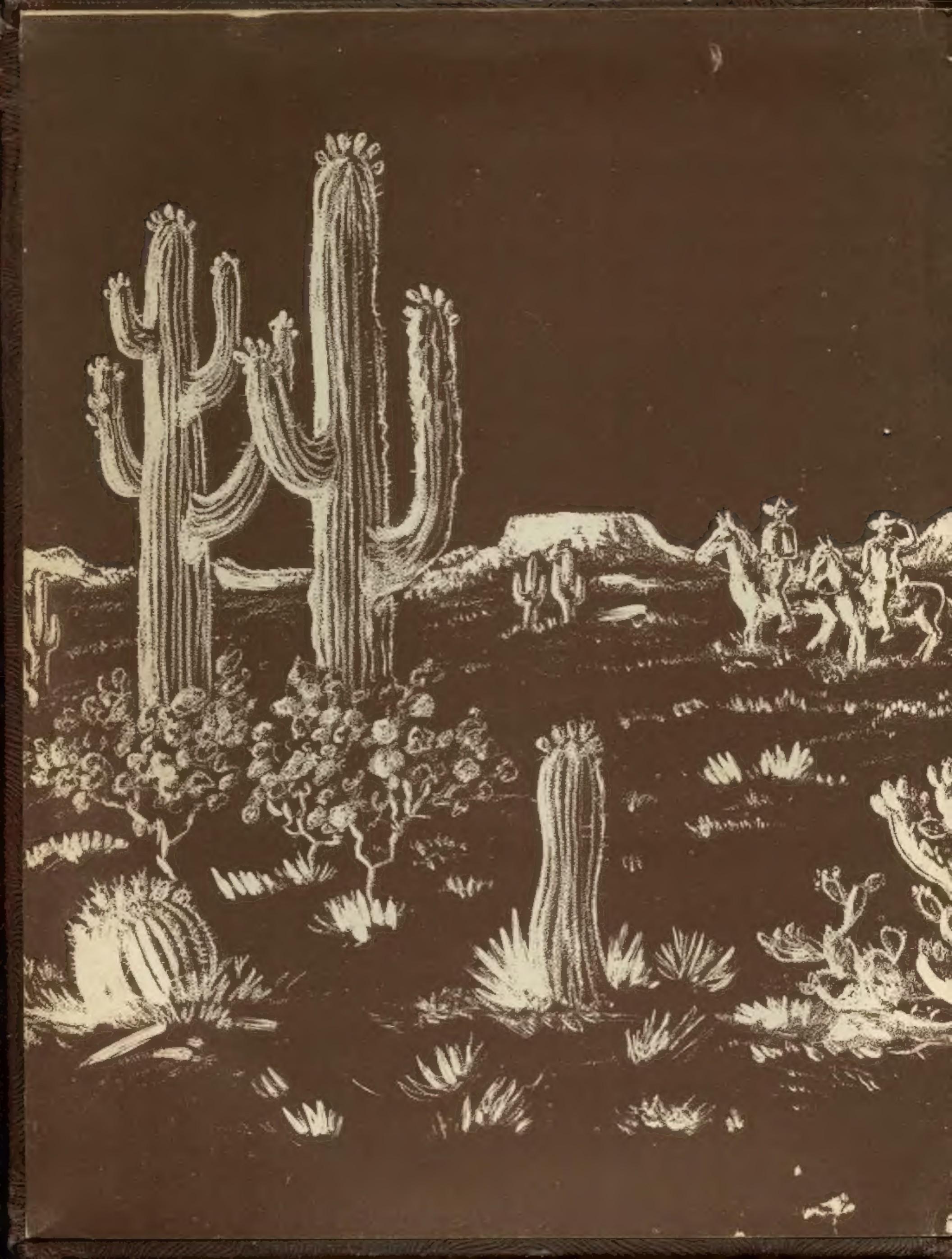
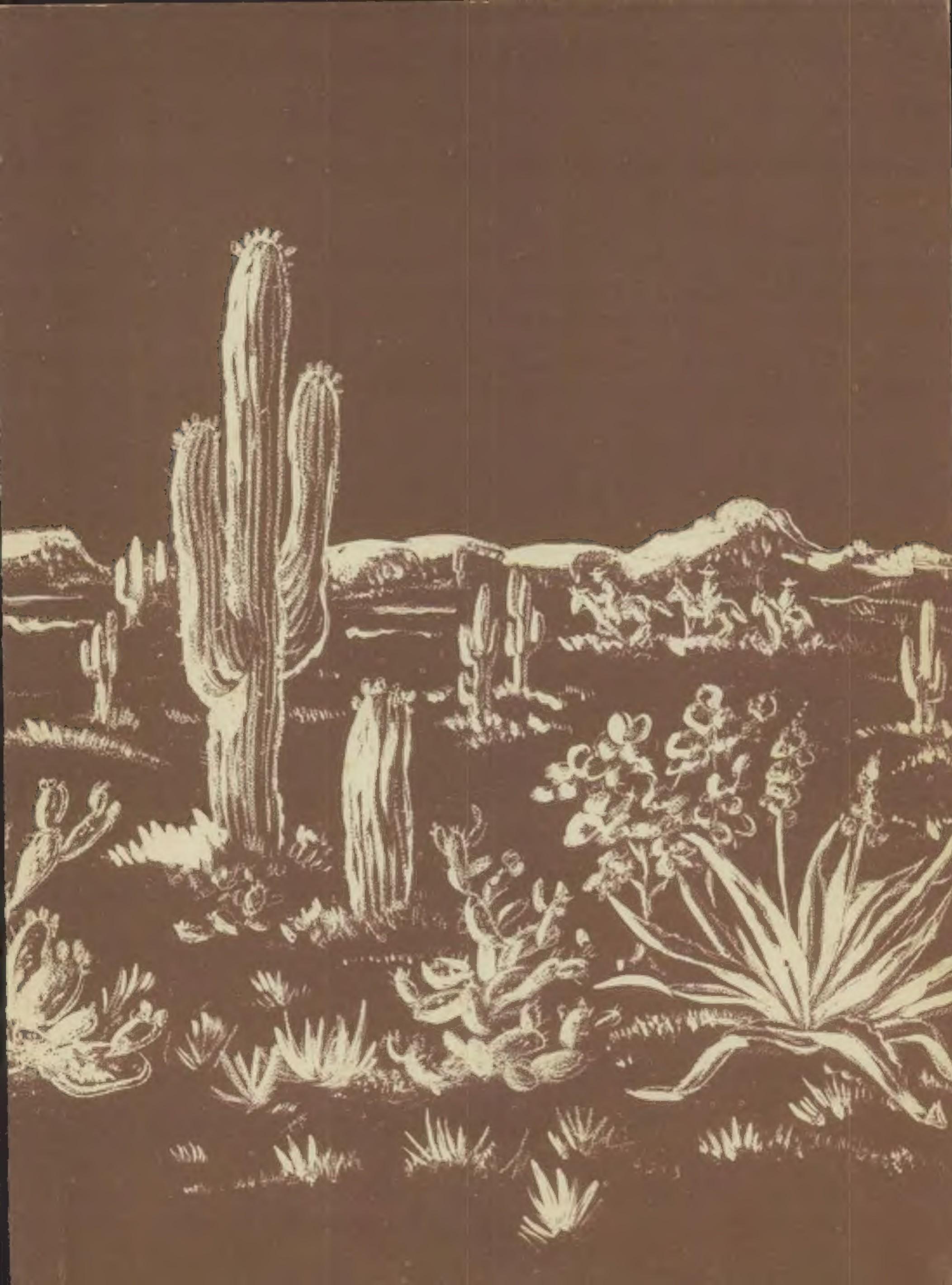
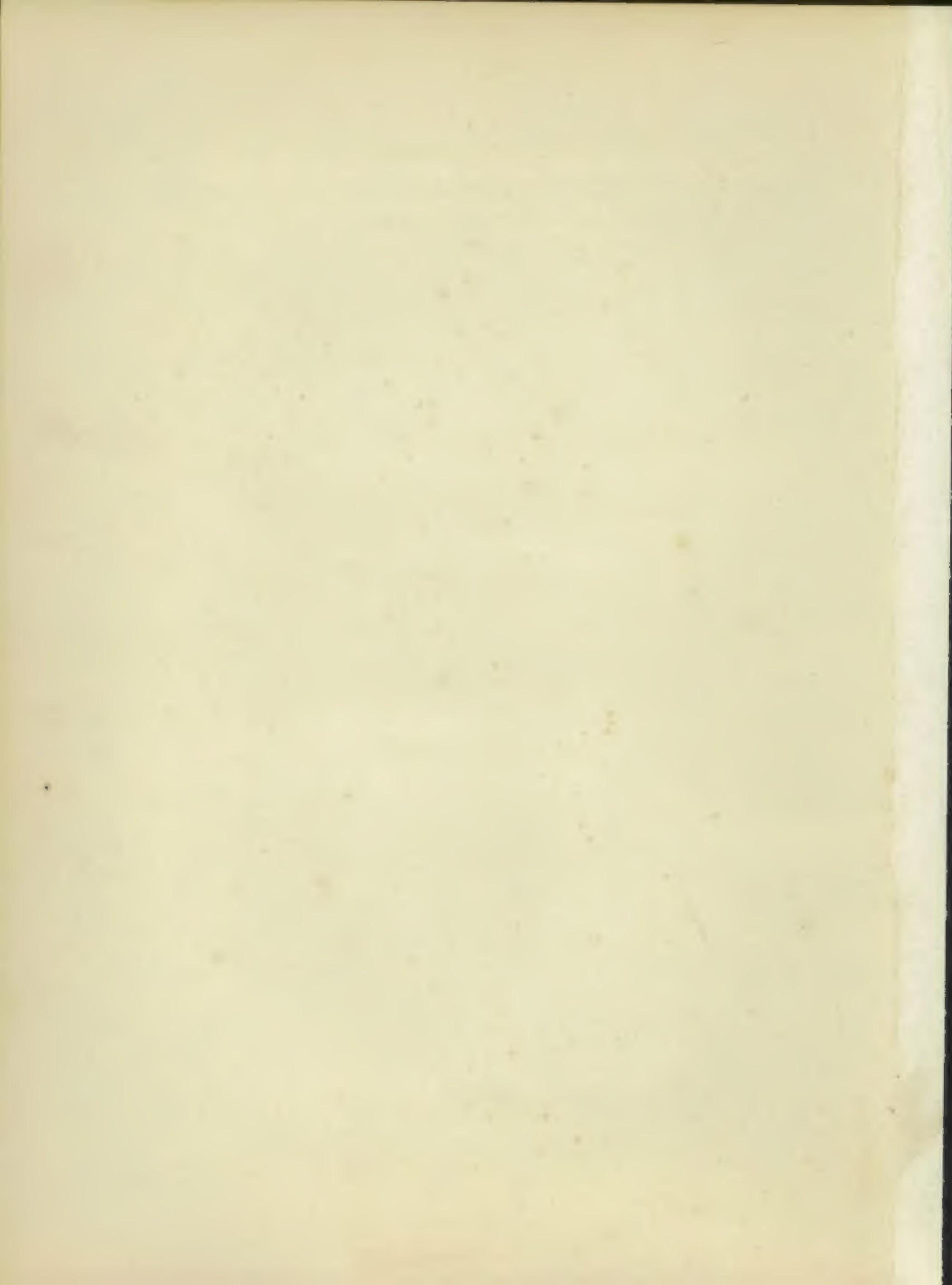


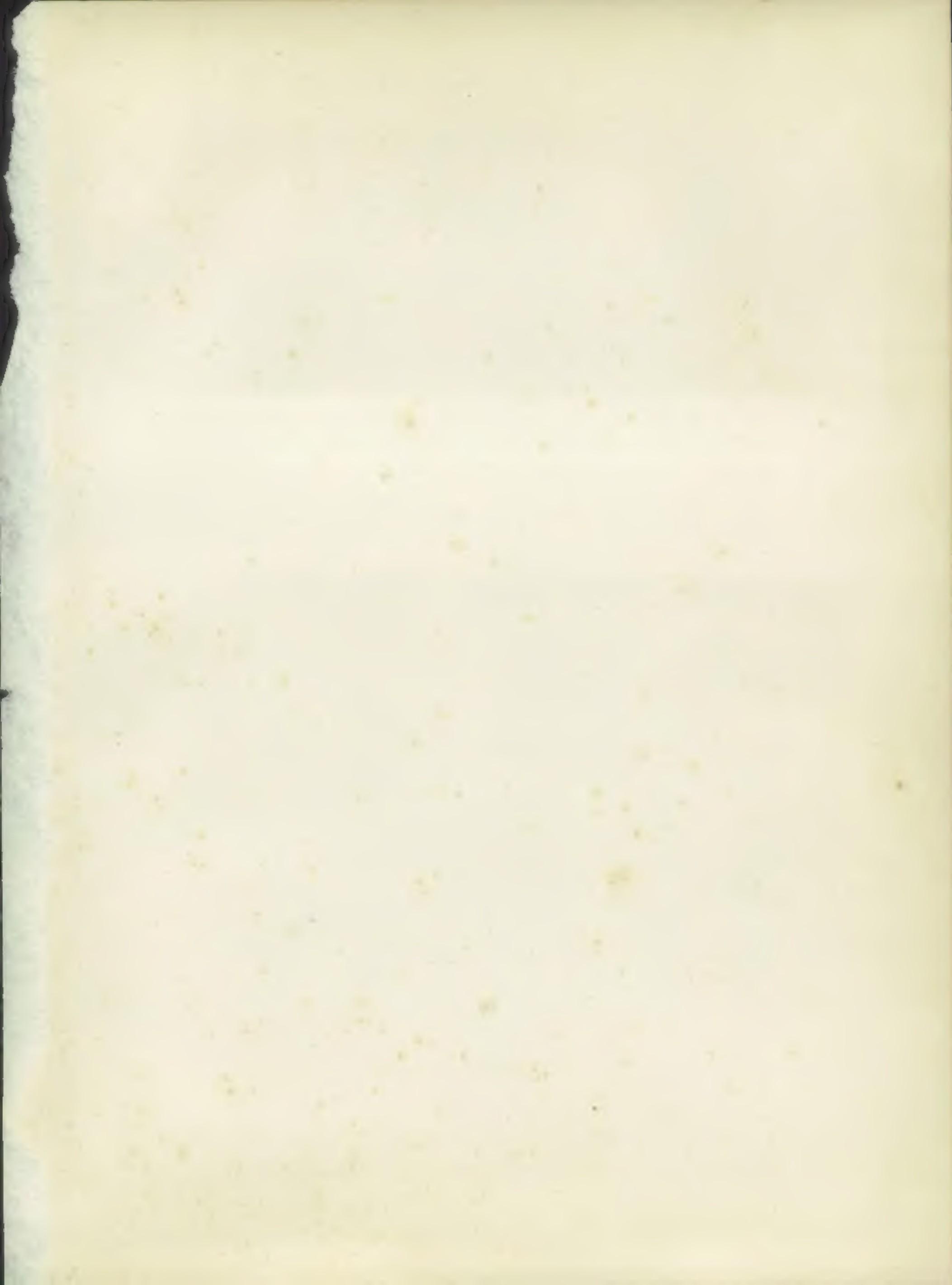


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ERICK HIGH SCHOOL



In this annual, the 1949 BEARCAT, we have tried to bring you a complete picture of Erick Schools. We hope every student will cherish this book and that it will be a pleasure and delight to you for years to come.

We wish to thank the business firms, the faculty and students who have assisted us.

We shall look forward to another year when we hope to have a bigger and better annual than ever before.

THE STAFF



In Memory of
W. H. DUNSWORTH
Superintendent of Schools, 1944 - 1948

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

As the years pass, may this annual be a constant reminder to each of you that we all grow older and wiser as the years go by. We hope that you will have many pleasant memories of the days you have spent in the Erick Schools. Our wish for each of you is that you will acquire the knowledge and traits here which will enable you to go out into the world to be citizens of the highest type, constantly striving for that which is right, just, and honorable.



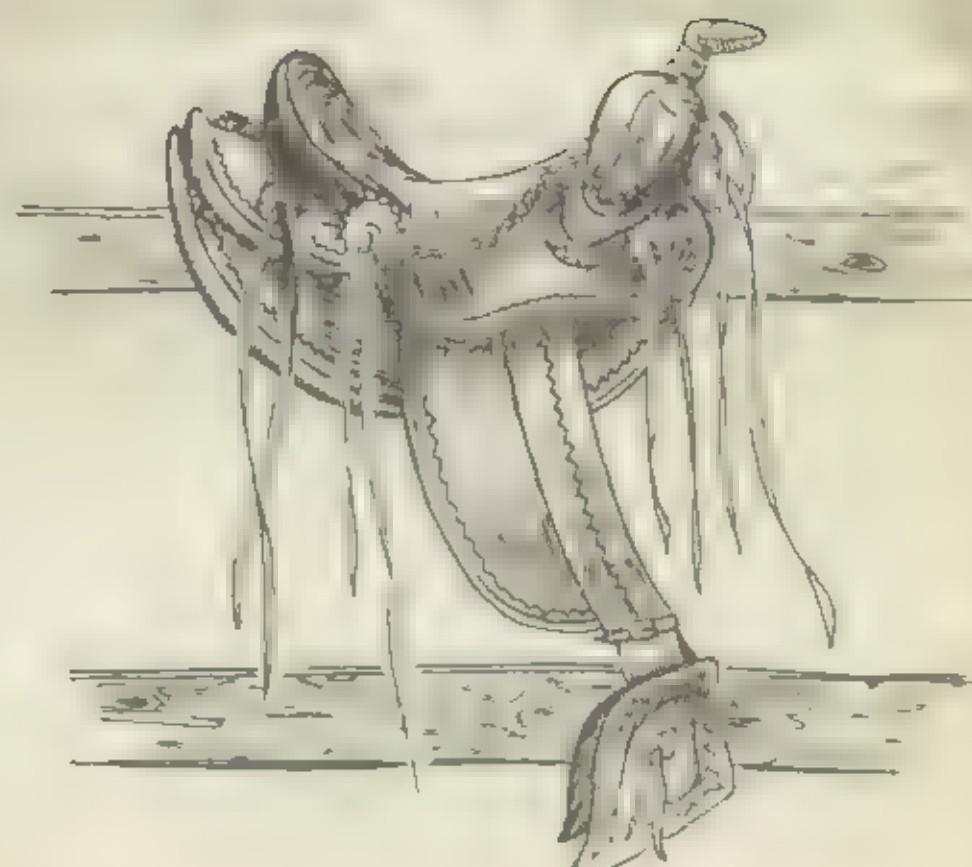
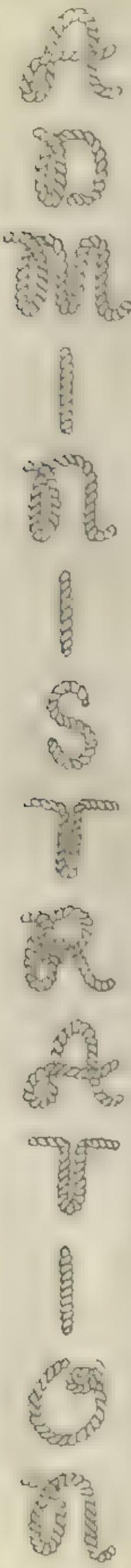
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A WORD FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Let the pictorial images in this yearbook be an incentive to all of us to improve and expand our school. Let each of us strive to make it a community center which will continue to deserve the support of all the citizens of Erick School District.

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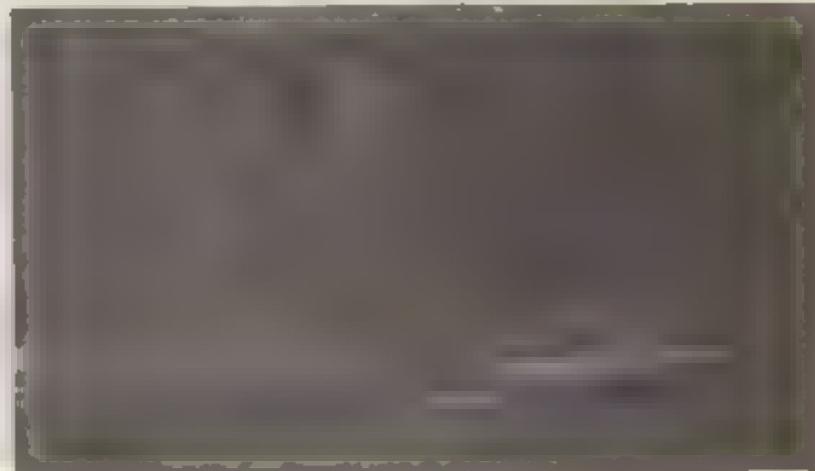
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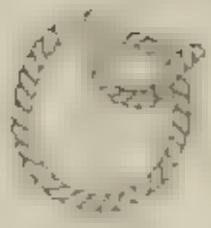
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1949



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Roma Crossley



Lyndel Hinchey



Leon Nippert



Lowell Downey



Willie Clancy



Bobby Stewart



Jim Bill Henry



Jane Johnson



Richard Elms



Bob Puthuff

SENIOR HISTORY

The discoverer of the class of '49 was an accident. Two years ago, early the morning of the 1st day of September, 1947, the faculty of the Irvin High School, were strolling aimlessly through the corridors of the grade school at 8:00 A.M., wondering if there would be any startling changes in their work at the end of the year. Suddenly they caught a glimpse of something new. It was the 43 students who were to become the Class of '49.

Let's meet our first class. The first girl was Mary Alice Alexander, who had to put up with the "I'm not good enough" Seniors in 1947. Bill Barker, Dick Galaway, W. J. Gandy, Tom Gandy, Jim Hackett, Bonnie Bakeman, and Evelyn Waters. The rest of the girls in addition to those seniors, Pamperith, Roma Gresley, 8th, Jim Johnson, Leon Pippert, Bob Stewart, Jane Johnson, and Jerry Stone, 9th, Lyndel Hinckley, 10th, Leon Nippert and Bob Putchuff in the 11th.

The beginning of their first year was a disastrous one. They were given the name of Freshmen. The most ugly casting of the year was the contempt in which they were held by those who were present over the school, but they were the upper-classmen. At the end of that year a terrible massacre of the Freshmen. They were greatly reduced in number. It was the worst massacre of all times.

The next year they received their new names, Sophomores. They were also allowed to serve at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

Then they became Juniors, after they scorned the Freshmen as Sophomores, as they had been scorned when they were Freshmen and Sophomores. After a year of hard work they were given the title of seniors. I can see at that time that were Juniors were also Seniors with Dickie Galaway for president. At the beginning of the name, Seniors, they began to take themselves seriously. And when I say "seriously", I really mean "SERIOUSLY". As the year drew to a close they were positively dizzy with dignity.

All this was locked up in writing in secret in the teachers, who regarded the result of their twelve years of hard labor with pride. They had converted a band of ignorant, unlettered, unpolished, uneducated scumbers of their great school, and had cast away the usual, the "ugly" in the people. However, they had found that for which they had been searching, so easily. Great was the joy - a joyous - in fact, several of them, and all of the class were passable.

At the conclusion of the year, with the principal addressed himself in a truly雄赳赳 with the address to the seniors, a man and announced them in his will a letter for admission to the class. He said he would offer a prize to that their names, with those of their teachers, would be written in history together.

In way of appropriate ceremony, a senior ceremony, there is a dinner, where, was held. Speeches were made, the principal orator sang. Songs were sung in such as called triplum - from the Latin word "triplum", meaning threefold. In these it took to get one - were given to the seniors, and the teacher - were given for their work in the last class chosen. These are referred to as the class of '49 honored throughout the land.



BILLY WILLIE LYNDYL STONEY



Marylin Kay
HAVEN'T
WE?
MAN?







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President



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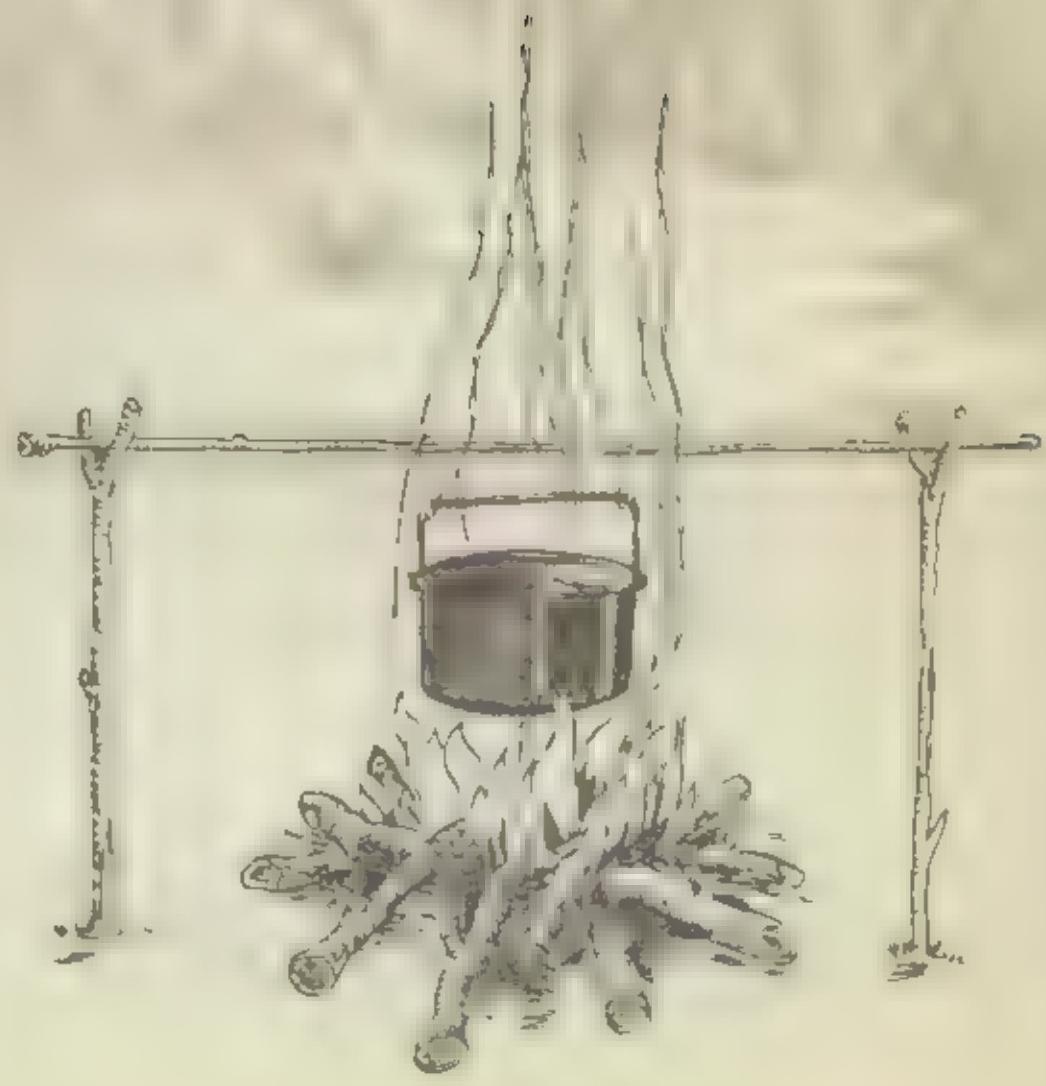
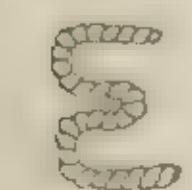
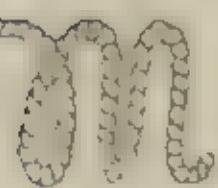
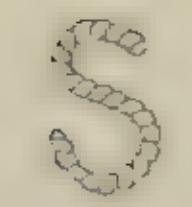
Junior Hults



Earlene Brown

Clara Alexander







John Smetzkyman



Kenneth Lester



L. C. D. (Lester)



Mrs. V. C. Smith



J. Chas. Herring



Pat Horn



Juanita Gibson



Harold Nippert



Donna Downey



Jimmie Hinckley



Willis McGuire



Betty Fern Baker



Charles Rosson



Leonard Roper



J. B. Morgan



F. M. (Fay) M. (Morgan)



Gayle Gibson



Juanita Tipton



Darryle Gibson



Mary Frank Caskey



Bobby Raso



Frankie Carr



Bill McAllister



Louise French



Dalton Webster



Sallie Hill



Dede Hood



Lovetta Manning





FRESHMEN

Patsy Steele, C. Foster, Anna Verven, Clinton Martin, L. D. Strout, Leavile Roberts, Gene Hoots, Anita Montgomery, Georgia Baker, Pat Sanders, Julia Williams, Chris Vines, S. T. Flowers, Freda Ouderkirk, Dale Austin, Marleen Parker, Getus Wester, Fan Morgan, Bobbi Wilson, Kent Pennington.



Annie Maude Hill



Gwili Mote



Shiela Gibson



Eldon Hendrix



Patricia Hodge



Dwane Mote



Wayne Melvin



Janelle Holland



Mary Sue Goldsmith



Joy Nell Abla



Betty McRae



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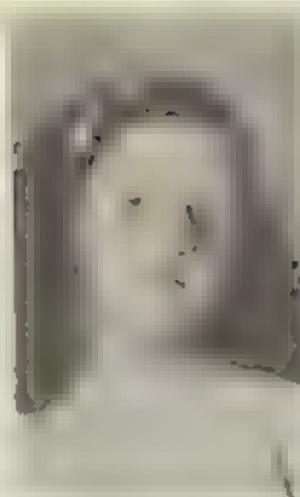
Wayne Montgomery



J. Williamson

Marion Roles

EIGHTH GRADE



Patricia
Sanders



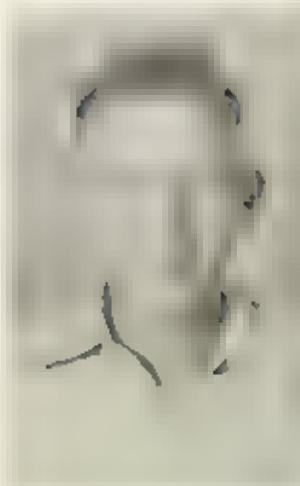
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Martin



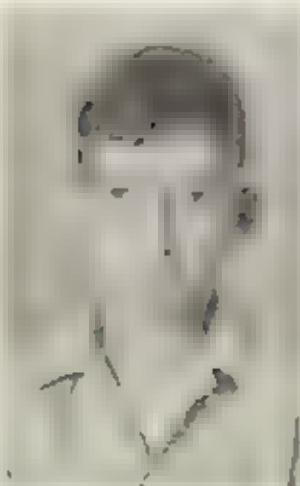
Patsy
Roper



Marion
Carr



Wayne
Gibson



Kent
Shamblin



Don
Smith



Clyde
Armstrong



Mae Beth
Roberts



Patsy Nell
Doyle



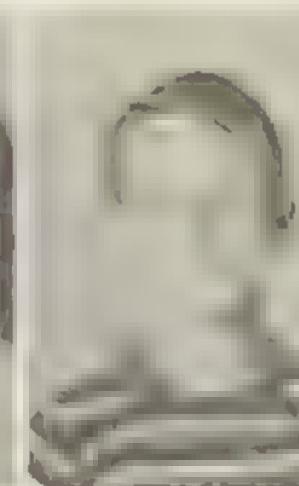
Eddie
Butler



John
Kurrie



Shirley
Martin



Kenneth
Davis



Tommy
Raso



Whitney
Williams



Alice
Noblet



Harold
McDowell



SEVENTH GRADE

D. Abla, Thomas, Alexander, Stewart, Brinley, Ross, Crosby, Carpenter, Richardson, Dennis,
Pirtle, Ells, Flowers, Oudekirk, French, Nippert, C. Gibson, McGuire, M. Hunt, R. Hunt,
Johnson, Hinches, McClellen, L. Gotorth, McCampbell, F. Gotorth, Morgan, M. Gibson, Pierce,
Flowers, Armstrong, Smith, Blackman, Roper, Crossley, Phillips, White, M. Abla, T. Enyart,
H. Enyart.





SIXTH GRADE



FIFTH GRADE



FOURTH GRADE



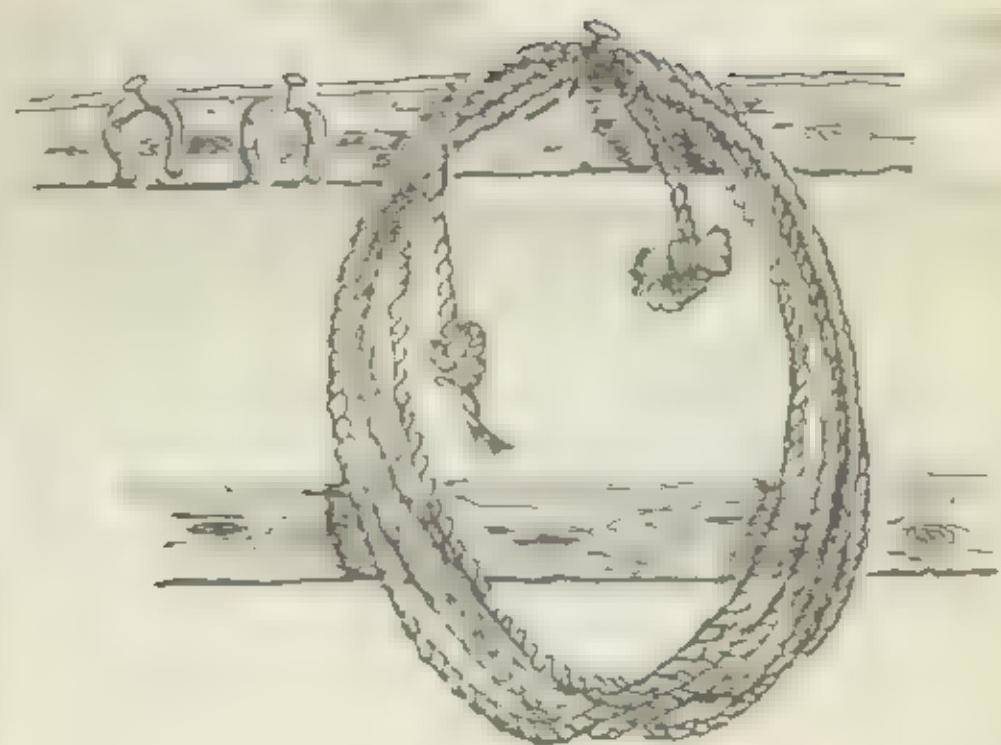
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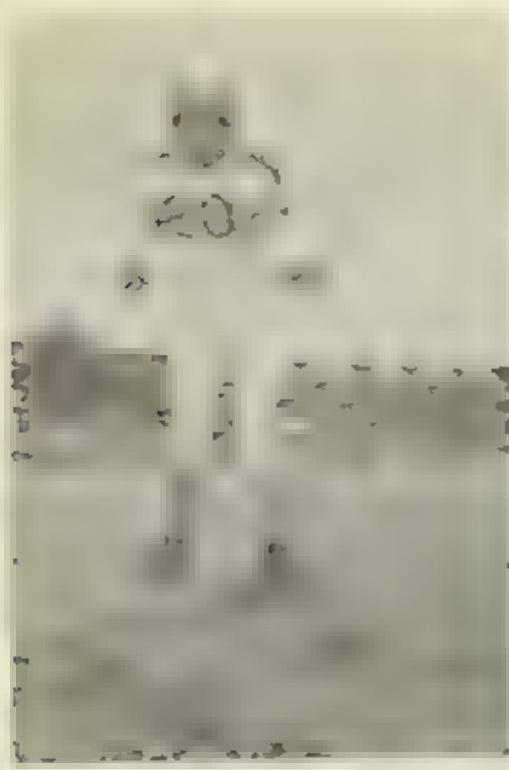


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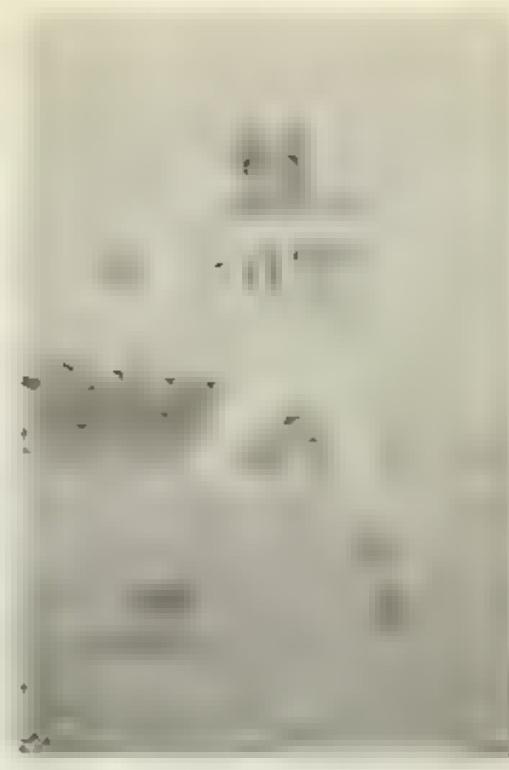


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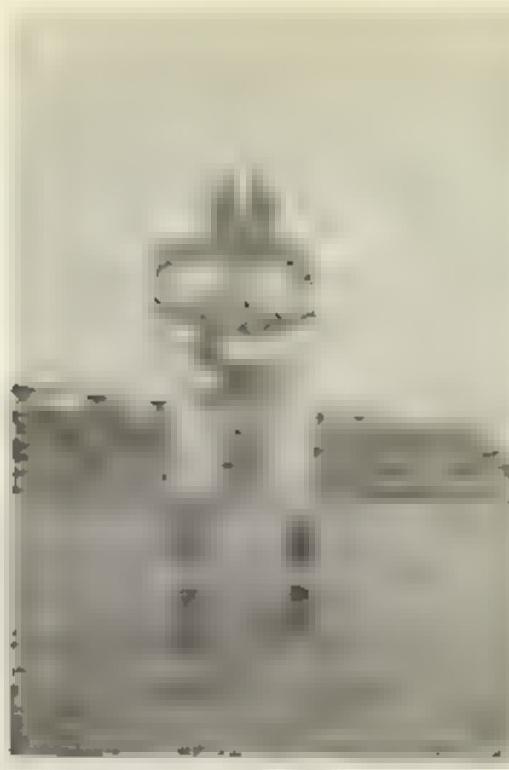




LOWELL DOWNEY



DONALD BALKCOM - Capt.



WILLIS HUNT - Co-Capt.



BILL McALLISTER



EARL MORGAN



BOB PUTHUFF



J. D. ALEXANDER



HAROLD DAVIS



BOB PIERCE



HENRY GOLDSMITH



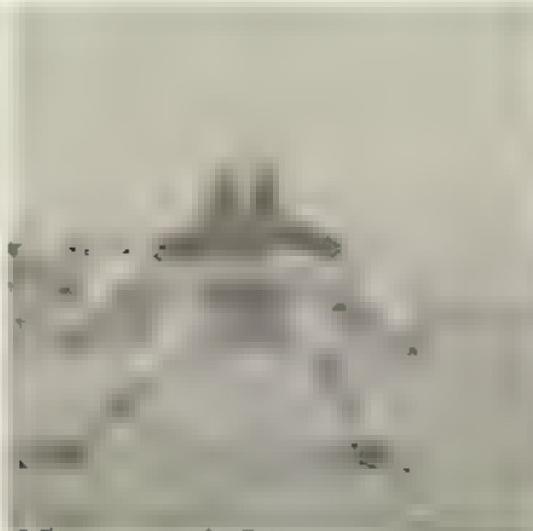
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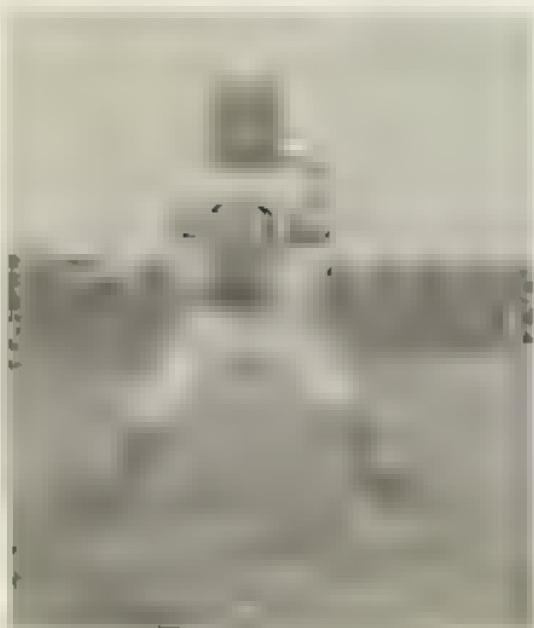
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CHARLES ABLA



KENNETH GREER



EDWIN ELLIS



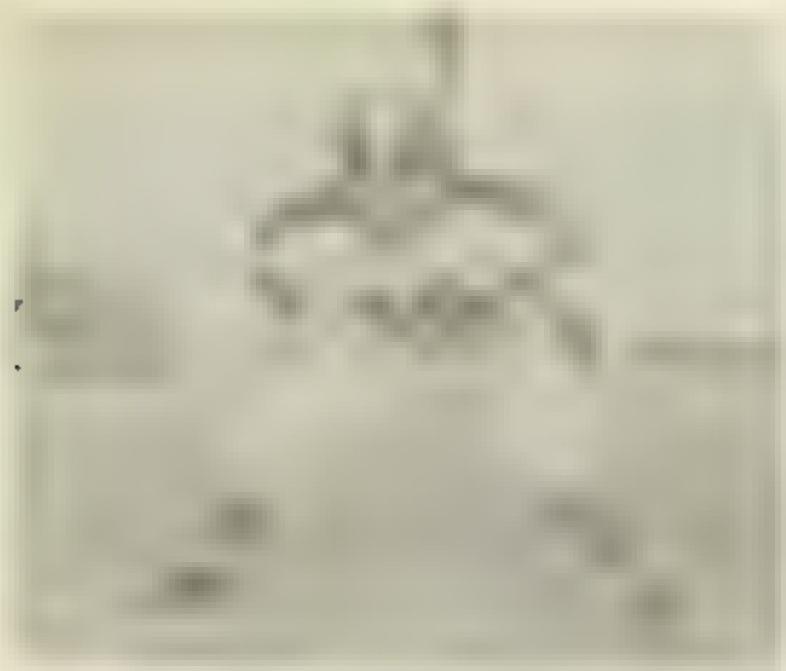
DALE AUSTIN



CHRIS VINES



PAT SANDERS



JUNIOR HOBBS



CLIFTON MARTIN



GENE HOBBS



BOB HARE



ERICK BEARCATS



COACH R. L. COBLE



EARL MORGAN
Guard

LEON NIPPERT
Center

STONEY DOWNEY
Forward



RICHARD ELMS
Center

J. B. MORGAN
Guard

BOB PUTHUFF
Forward

WILLIS HUNT
Guard

HAROLD NIPPERT
Forward

CHARLES ABLA
Guard

(Not shown -- Bob Raso)

BASKETBALL REVIEW

For the second time in two years, the Frick Bearcats brought home the Class B District Basketball Trophy. Other honors won by the 1948-49 team were the County Conference Runners-up Trophy and 4-B Basketball Conference Championship.

The Bearcats were defeated only twice in Conference play, were beaten in the Elk City Invitational Tournament by the Tournament winners, and fought their way to the semi-finals of the County Tournament before losing to Elk City in an overtime, 33, 32.

After winning the District by wins over Merritt and Elk City, the boys lost a low-scoring game to Sentinel in the first round of Regional competition. At the final whistle, the score read: Erick, 13, Sentinel, 26.

SCORES

Conference			
New Liberty	27	-	Erick 22
Highway	23	-	Erick 29
Berlin	8	-	Erick 38
Merritt	17	-	Erick 49
Carter	24	-	Erick 39
Lew	32	-	Erick 45
Retrop	26	-	Erick 25
County Tournament			
Sayre	15	-	Erick 28
Sweetwater	37	-	Erick 18
Elk City	20	-	Erick 26
Texola	27	-	Erick 46
Sayre	22	-	Erick 40
Elk City	33	-	Erick 32



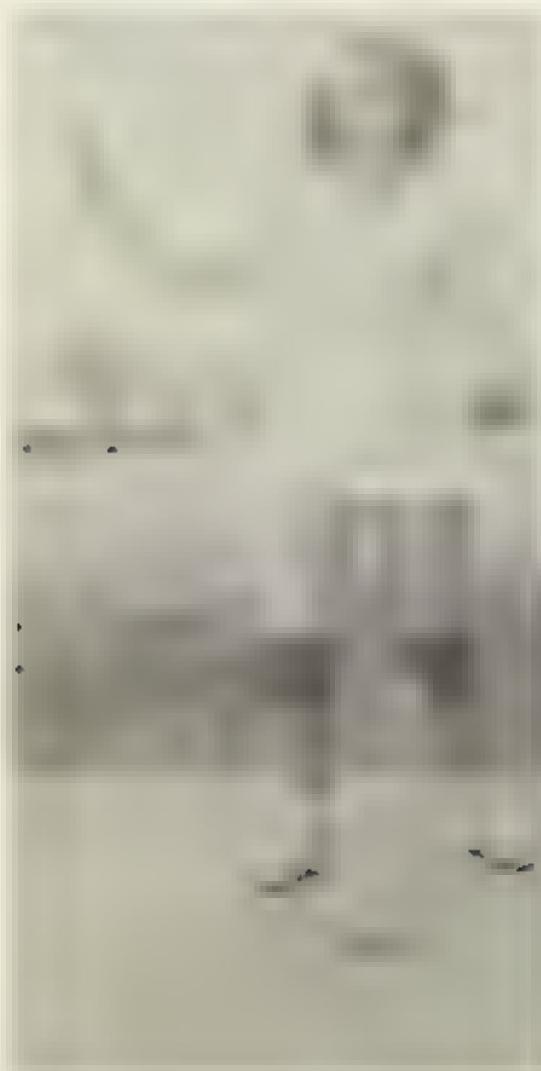
PAT HORN
Forward



SONIA PAMPLIN
Guard



CLARA ALEXANDER
Guard



KATHRYN HODGE
Guard



DEDE HOOD
Guard



FRANKIE CARR
Forward



DOROTHY SHELLEY
Forward

JERRY STONE
Guard

RUTH McCAMPBELL
Guard



DONNA DOWNEY
Forward

NADINE HOLLAND
Guard

JACKIE GALLAWAY
Forward



STATE HONOR SOCIETY

The following students are the top ten percent of the student body, based on grades made the last semester of 1947-48 and the first semester of 1948-49:

DEDE HOOD
GERALDINE STONE
JO EVELYN HINCHEY
RICHARD FIVS
FETTY FERN BAKER
GAYLA JO VELVIN
JOY NELL ABLA
PAT HORN
GWILI MOTE
RUTH McCAMPBELL
LOUISE FRENCH
ROBBY RASOR

"JEST a little FUN"

Bill Barker: "What's that you got in your button-hole?"

Jim Bill Henry: "Why, that's a chrysanthemum."

Bill: "It looks like a rose to me."

Jim: "No, you're wrong, it's a chrysanthemum."

Bill: "Spell it."

Jim: "K-r-i-s- . . . by golly, it is a rose!"

I wonder if I can get you half-way. I'll admit I'm
wrong, but I think I'm right.

Though Ruthie had boy friends galore,
She always was looking for more.

This obsession for beaux
Turned her joys into woes,
The night two lads met at her door!

"My husband has lost all his money on the stock exchange."

"Oh! I do feel sorry for him."

"Yes, so do I. He'll miss me."



JUNIOR PLAY - 1949

"A CASE OF SPRINGTIME"

Bob Parker Bill Hunt
Mr. Parker Henry Goldsmith
Mrs. Parker Betty Goldsmith
Betty Parker Kathryn Hodge
Dickie Parker Edwin Ellis
Gwen Anderson ... Brunetta Spencer
Joan Abemaker Dorothy Shelley
Eddie Abemaker Bob Pierce
Louella, the maid Alta Newton
Mr. Abemaker J. D. Alexander

Cast

Mrs. Brunswick Nadine Holland
Mrs. James Clara Alexander
Mrs. Hill Barbara Melvin
Sheriff Bill Brindle
Miss Bright Marilyn Oliver

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SENIOR

PLAY

1949



"TAKE IT EASY"

Cast

Mrs. Imanda Highgate	Jane Johnson
Nancy Highgate	Jackie Gallaway
Tom Laurence	Bob Puthuff
Lon Torence	Jim Bill Henry
John Florence	Bob Stewart
Florence, the maid	Sonia Pamplin
Philip, the butler	Richard Elms
Mary, the cook	Jo Waters
Arthur, the yard boy	Donald Balkcom
Beagle Jones, a detective	Willie Clancy

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Watchdog Lowell Downey
Song Leader Kenneth Greer

Advisor Raymond Page

LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM THIRD IN STATE

The Erick Team, composed of Bob Stewart, Ray Mann, and Charles Rosson, took First Place in County Competition, Third Place at the Muskogee Free State Fair. Judging with approximately 100 other teams at the Oklahoma City Fat Stock Show, the Erick boys brought home Third Place Honors.





Dalton Webster



Bill Brindle with Champion Barrow



Bob Stewart and Champion
Chester White



Ray Mann's Pork Production Project



Charles Rosson



Judging gets under way at the Local Show held during opening of the new Show Barn.



PATSY STONE

F. F. A. SWEETHEART



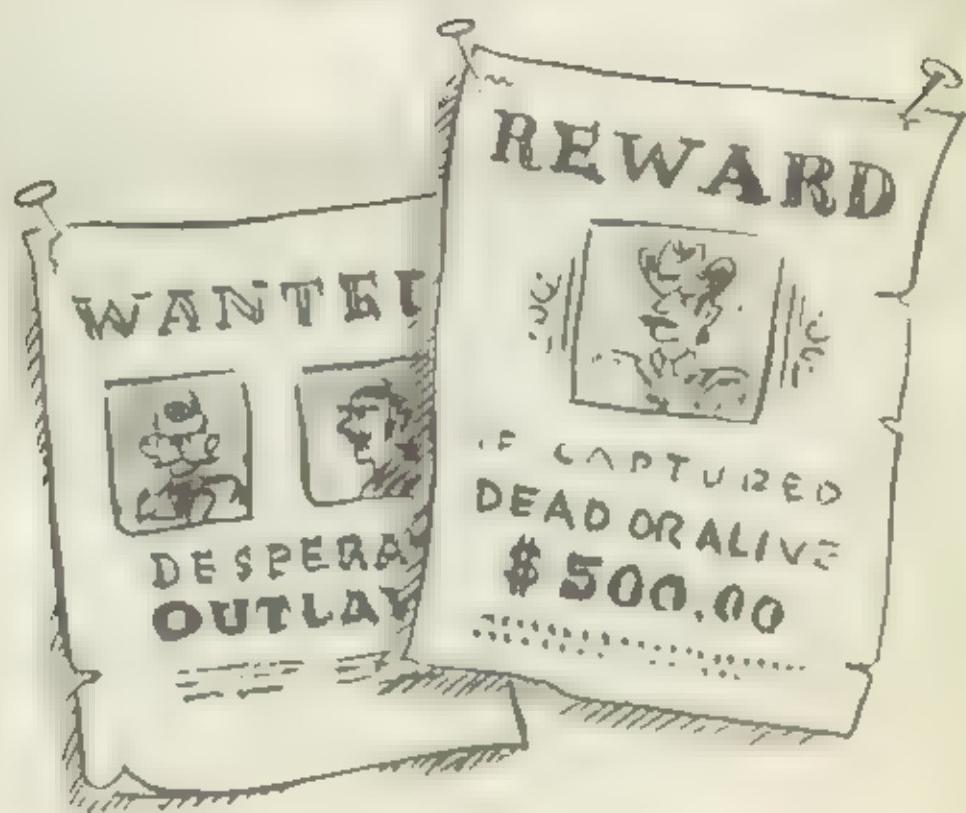
DANIE LEAVIE

FOOTBALL QUEEN

TAKEN FROM A SENIOR'S DIARY

- Mon., Sept. 1 Today we're really seniors! School is almost the same as it was 12 years ago, but this is really the beginning of the end.
- Tu., Sept. 17 The first football game of the season and the most important to most Frick fans -- Erick vs. Sayre! Oh, well, we'll beat them next year.
- Tues., Nov. 2 The class was invited to say. Election day, you know. The Democrats, with Truman and Barkley, won again, tho.
- Fri., Nov. 5 Homecoming and football game with Anatarko. We almost won, but not quite! At least we were ahead at the half when our lovely Queen, Janie Weaver, was crowned.
- Mon., Nov. 8 Our candidate lost the race for FFA Sweetheart, but a swell Freshman girl, Patsy Stone, won the honors.
- Tues., Nov. 9 Today we made enough money to make our first bank deposit. The school carnival, which was a huge success, brought us \$50.57. We had a cake walk and a dart throw.
- Tues., Nov. 10 The first basketball game. Both boys' teams won. The girls were on the court for the first time. They'll learn just you wait!
- Mon., Nov. 12 The Juniors and we had a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner at the Legion Hut. You should have heard Mr. Gamble and Mr. Lacy warble!
- Fri., Dec. 16 Today we purchased our Christmas gift to our Sponsor and favorite teacher, Mrs. Gamble. It was Fostoria Crystal.
- We 1., Dec. 18 Had the Senior Christmas party at Sonia's. Kept the telephone wires hot and Richard's face turned a little when he found a little unmentionable was his gift.
- Thurs., Dec. 23 Members of last year's English Club were entertained with a lovely party in the home of Miss Gallegly.
- Sat., Jan. 15 The last day of a very successful Junior High Tournament, here. Sayre boys and Carter girls took home trophies.
- Mon., Jan. 31 Went to a hilarious donkey basketball game. Gamble really can ride the "Hobby Donkeys".
- Wed., Feb. 2 What a pity! School is out because of frozen pipes.
- Sat., Feb. 5 Lost a swell English teacher -- Miss Simmons was married at 8:30 this morning.
- Thurs., Feb. 24 Livestock show at our new show barn. Frick FFA boys took their share of the prizes.
- Sat., Feb. 26 Erick won the District Tourney by beating Elk City!
- Tues., Mar. 1 Our senior pageant came. It's in the shape of a covered wagon. Look again - see any coats and ties alike?
- Thurs., March 2 Played Sentinel a swell game, but lost to them.
- Fri., March 18 Everyone went to the Junior Play. Hope ours is as good.
- Mon., March 21 Today play practice started. Couldn't do much for laughing at each other's parts.
- Tues., March 22 Mrs. Gamble is very ill and Mrs. Lacy is helping us with our play. Oh, yes, she's also teaching Bookkeeping!
- We 1., March 23 Everybody that went on the Class Skating Party is black and blue this morning.
- Wed., April 13 At last the BEARCAT has been sent to press!

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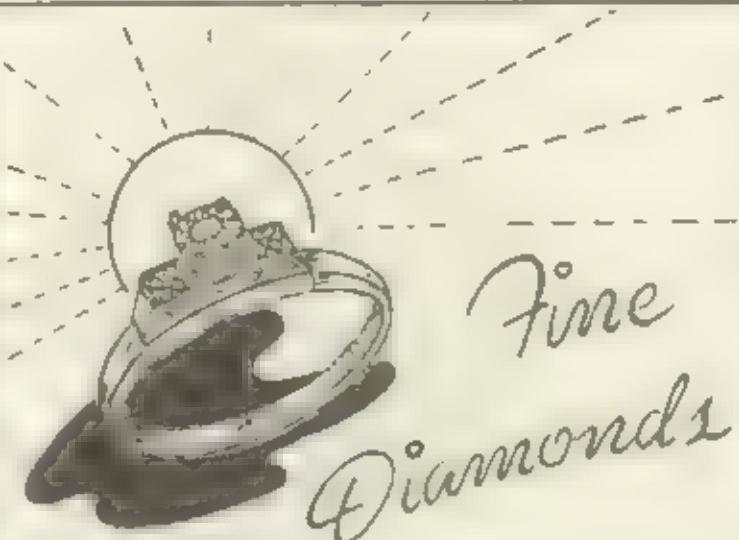
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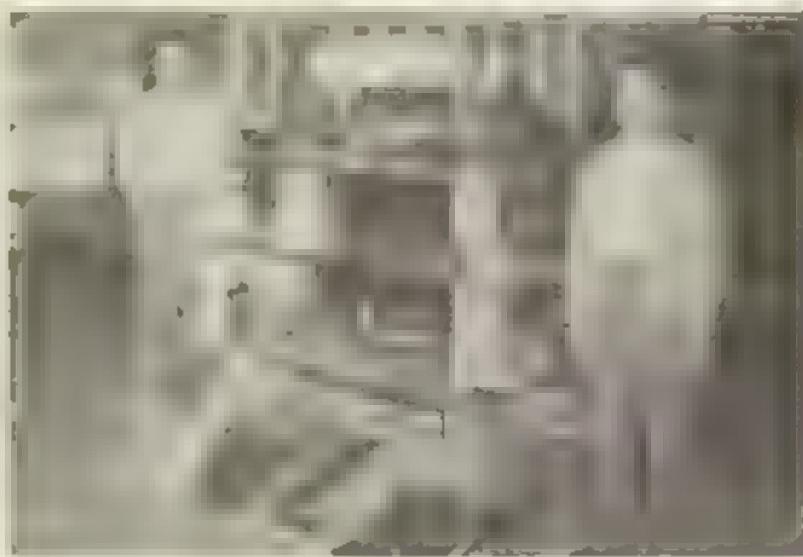
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PARTS

Mr. Bronson died very suddenly, and an important business letter was left unmailed.

Before sending it off, Jerry Stone, his secretary, who had a passion for explanatory detail, added a postscript below Mr. Bronson's signature. It read: "Since writing the above I have died."

Mr. Puthuff: Bob, what makes you skip school all the time?
Bob: Class hatred.

Tourist: Hmmm, looks like we might have some rain.
Lowell Downey: I shore hope so. Not for myself, but for the kids here. I've seen rain.

Mrs. Elms: Another bite like that and you'll leave the table.
Richard: Another bite like that and I'll be finished.

With deep anguish he begged her to reconsider her answer.
"If you don't marry me, I'll blow my brains out," he vowed.
"Oh, would you, really?" she gurgled. "I wish you would do it. It would be a great joke on father for he thinks you haven't any."

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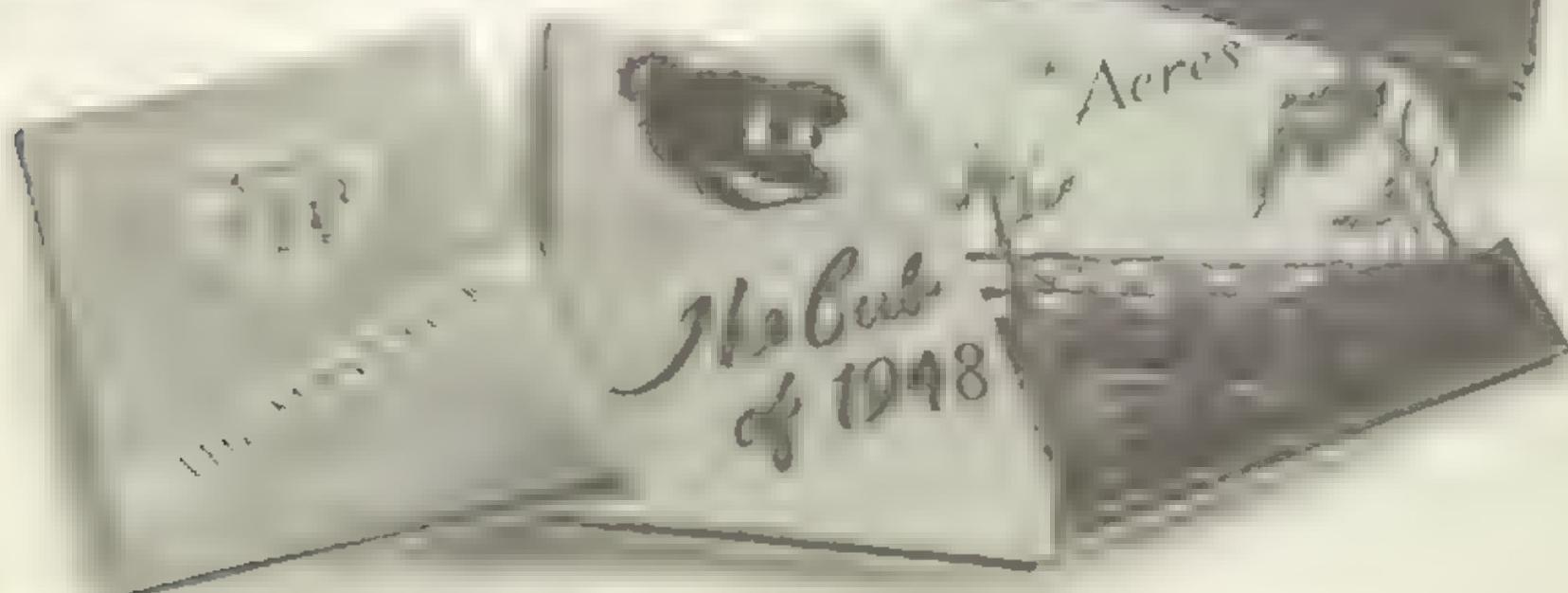
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